

shrapnel or a toxic defoliant. In each case, the wound is real, and so is our obligation to help the veteran who suffers it.

We also need more research into our health concerns of Vietnam vets.

In all, more than 682,000 Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans are now disabled as a result of their military service.

And a respected study by the independent Research Triangle Institute estimates that more than 960,000 men who fought in Vietnam and 1,900 women—nearly one in three Vietnam veterans—suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. For some, the effects are few and fleeting. For others, they are chronic and debilitating.

So as we mark this 20th anniversary of the end of our Nation's most painful period this century, let us remember the words of Abraham Lincoln as he spoke them in his second inaugural to the Nation still grieving from another terrible war that divided our Nation. He said:

Let us strive to finish the work that we are in, to bind up the Nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace.

Let us show our thanks to Vietnam veterans this week, next week, and at all times in the future by pledging to give the Department of Veterans Affairs the resources it needs to keep the promises we made to all Vietnam veterans.

Let us show our thanks by strengthening community-based veterans health care centers, by making a commitment to keep veterans centers vital and independent. These centers do not duplicate the work of VA hospitals. They serve different people with different needs, and we ought to maintain them.

Finally, Mr. President, it is time for this Nation to move toward normalizing relations with Vietnam. I know the arguments against normalization, and I sympathize with them. I understand that the prospect of restoring diplomatic ties with Vietnam is painful to many Americans, especially those who have friends and family members among those who remain unaccounted for in Vietnam.

Experience has shown that it is precisely by expanding our ties with Vietnam that we are most likely to learn what happened to soldiers who never returned.

In the years when we had no contact with Vietnam, we made no progress on the question of those missing in action.

So I stand with my colleagues, Senator MCCAIN, Senator BOND, Senator KERRY of Massachusetts, and others on both sides of the aisle in urging that we move cautiously toward a fuller dialog with Vietnam in order to secure answers for the families and healing for our Nation.

We can never repay Sgt. Raymond Adams and Specialist Steven Trant or any of the other 58,000 Americans who

lost their lives in Vietnam, but we can show our respect and our gratitude, and we can continue the effort to bind up the Nation's wounds from a war that, in some ways, still divides us.

MEASURE READ FOR THE FIRST TIME—S. 761

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I understand that S. 761, introduced earlier today by myself and Senator BIDEN, is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is correct.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 761) to improve the ability of the United States to respond to the international terrorist threat.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask for the second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There is an objection. This bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

Is the Democratic leader finished?

Mr. DASCHLE. Yes.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, appoints the following Senators as Members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group during the first session of the 104th Congress, to be held in Huntsville, ON, Canada, May 18-22, 1995:

The Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], and the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON].

COMMONSENSE PRODUCT LIABILITY AND LEGAL REFORM ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senate will resume the pending business, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 956) to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, and for other purposes.

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. In my capacity as a Senator from Alaska, I suggest the absence of a quorum. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 690 TO AMENDMENT NO. 596

(Purpose: To provide for a uniform product liability law and to provide assurance of access to certain biomaterials)

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL], for himself and Mr. DOLE, proposes an amendment numbered 690 to amendment No. 596.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent further reading be dispensed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The text of the amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Amendments Submitted.")

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the pending substitute amendment to H.R. 956, the product liability bill:

Slade Gorton, Dan Coats, Richard G. Lugar, John Ashcroft, Rod Grams, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Judd Gregg, Strom Thurmond, Jay Rockefeller, Trent Lott, Rick Santorum, Larry E. Craig, Bob Smith, Don Nickles, R.F. Bennett, John McCain, Connie Mack.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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Bob Smith, Don Nickles, R.F. Bennett,
John McCain, Connie Mack.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate resumes the pending bill, H.R. 956, on Monday, May 8, at 12 noon, that it be in order for first-degree amendments to be filed at the desk until 1 p.m., and second-degree amendments to be filed by 3 p.m. on Monday.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I further ask that at the hour of 4 p.m., the Senate proceed to a cloture vote on the Coverdell-Dole amendment, and the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask that Saturday count as the intervening day, under the provisions of rule XXII.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator ROCKEFELLER's name be stricken from both cloture motions just filed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, cloture was filed on the new substitute amendment and, therefore, unless an agreement can be reached regarding substantial second-degree amendments to the substitute, there will be a cloture vote at 4 p.m. Monday.

If an agreement is reached on the second-degree amendments, cloture would be postponed until Tuesday, and the votes, 4 p.m. on Monday, would be on or in relation to those second-degree amendments.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 8, 1995

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in recess until the hour of 11 a.m. on Monday, May 8, 1995; that following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there then be a period for the transaction of morning

business not to extend beyond the hour of 12 noon with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each, with the exception of the following: Senator FEINSTEIN, 15 minutes; Senator BYRD, for up to 30 minutes.

I further ask consent that at the hour of 12 noon the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 956, the product liability bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECESS UNTIL 11 A.M., MONDAY, MAY 8, 1995

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 3:53 p.m., recessed until Monday, May 8, 1995, at 11 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 5, 1995:

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

JOHN W. CARLIN, OF KANSAS, TO BE ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES, VICE DON W. WILSON, RESIGNED.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

ROBERT F. RIDER, OF DELAWARE, TO BE A GOVERNOR OF THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 8, 1995, VICE JOHN N. GRIESEMER.

ROBERT F. RIDER, OF DELAWARE, TO BE A GOVERNOR OF THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE FOR THE TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 8, 2004. (REAPPOINTMENT)